

**TOWN OF LAPOINTE
PUBLIC HEARING:
2016 BUDGET
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2015
5:00 PM AT TOWN HALL
Minutes**

Town Board Members Present: Jim Patterson, Mike Anderson, John Carlson, Michael Childers, Mike Starck

Public Present: as per sign-up sheet

I. Call to Order: at 5:00pm

II. The purpose of this Public Hearing is to discuss the 2016 proposed budget.

Interim Town Administrator Lisa Potswald began with a brief presentation on the proposed 2016 budget that included a printed budget book as well as copies of a presentation. Highlights include the Zoning Administrator position is budgeted as half time for 2016 with some things still up in the air as there are changes happening at the state level. The EMTs are beginning the Length of Service Program, the Library did not receive the full amount requested by \$5,000, a parks supervisor/ roads new position was not added in 2016 that was requested (the position would be mainly parks in the summers and roads in the winter), and the town will borrow money to purchase capital equipment as well as to replace the Fire Hall roof and the Winter Transportation roof. With new legislature, the townspeople no longer need to approve the highway expenditures. The length of service program was discussed and clarified, they currently bought back six years of service, the program is an incentive to stay on board as members must earn points and stay current or all the funds gained will be lost.

The delinquent payments from the company who processes the credit card payments for Big Bay Town Park were brought up and Treasurer C. Neubauer stated that around \$23,000 is still to be paid to the Town, and that we are looking in to a new company for the credit card processing for next year.

III. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn J. Carlson, second by M. Starck. All ayes, adjourned at 5:18pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk
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